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'School prop' sees street sealed off in bomb alert

ANTI-terrorism officers descended on a small Northampton street yesterday and carried out a controlled explosion after a bomb scare.

Police, fire and rescue services, ambulances, regional counter terrorism units and highways officers all arrived within moments of the call about a suspicious package on Whilton Road, Kingsthorpe - only to find the device was a prop from a school play.

With the UK on high security alert following the death of Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan, nothing was being left to chance.

Buildings were evacuated and traffic was diverted. Eastern Avenue North was also closed in both directions to allow officers to do their work.

A few hours later a controlled explosion took place to destroy the potential device which is when it was discovered to be a prop, a creative piece of work by a parent, thrown out following its use in a school play.

Detective Chief Superintendent Simon Blatchly, who led the investigation, said: "Following the discovery of the package we initiated an evacuation of the immediate area and called in the Explosive Ordinance Disposal team, we also put in place a traffic diversion in the area.

"These steps were taken as a precautionary measure and following a small controlled explosion, we can confirm that the device found was not a bomb.

"We have established that the device was in fact made for a school play and later disposed of.

"I would like to stress the importance of disposing of such items in a responsible manner.

"Thankfully, in this case, the package was not an explosive device, however, we need to take any reports seriously and as such this incident has resulted in the use of extensive resources, including police, fire and rescue, ambulance, the regional Counter Terrorism Unit, emergency planning and highways.

"The evacuation and diversions have caused significant disruption and I would urge anyone who is disposing of unwanted props to do so responsibly."

■ Did you make the prop which led to the explosion scare? Call the newsdesk on 01604 614636.

Barred Beverley bounces back in election triumph

NEW COUNCILLOR: Beverley Mennell

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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A WOMAN once barred from entering the Guildhall has been elected as a local councillor.

Beverley Mennell was banned from stepping into the head offices of Northampton Borough Council in 2007 after several disputes with the authority. On one occasion she was even escorted from the building by police.

However, she is now the Labour ward councillor for Kingsley having been elected in last week's local elections, with a majority of 23.

"I think David Kennedy, the chief executive, will be having nightmares," said Cllr Mennell.

"The woman that got barred from the Guildhall in 2007 has become a councillor in 2011.

"I did say to him that you can't bar me now. As one of his councillors I came away smiling and I'm very pleased to be here to represent my ward as a council tenant."

Cllr Mennell is looking forward to representing the residents of Kingsley over the next four years.

She said: "The most important thing, which really is why my position exists, is for the people of Kingsley.

"I'm like a Robin Hood. This is a great chance for me to provide a public service as a public servant.

"I'm coming from the streets into the council.

"I want to serve the people, work for the people and hear the people.

"I will always say what I mean and I hope to add a bit of colour and humour into the chamber, because that's what I think it needs."

As part of the main opposition group, Cllr Mennell has wasted no time in saying she will be scrutinising the Conservative party and attacked the former Liberal Democrat leaders.

She said: "I'm very much looking forward to holding the Conservatives to account.

"I'm absolutely delighted that, as a member of the Labour party, to have got the former Liberal Democrat regime out of the town.

"I would like to thank everyone who voted for me, as you are all very important to me."

■ For an election results round-up, turn to pages 15, 16 and 17.

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Cobblers and Saints get a show of development support

THE town's main sports teams have received new backing in their quest for redevelopment.

The new leading Conservative party at Northampton Borough Council has met with both the Saints and the Cobblers to talk about the revamps of their grounds.

The Tories campaigned in the local elections to support both the rugby and football clubs' plans to build up Franklin's Gardens and Sixfields, respectively.

This week, leading members of the group met with both teams to further reinforce their support.

Cllr David Palethorpe, the Conservative's borough council leader, said: "The development of Sixfields and Franklin's Gardens is a priority for us, so we were determined to meet with the Saints and Cobblers on the first working day after the elections to get the ball rolling.

"They have waited long enough. Both meetings were very positive and I am confident we can work together to get things moving."

The Cobblers' Sixfields home

The Labour opposition group has also said in an open letter to the clubs that it will also support their plans.

Labour leader Cllr Lee Mason said: "I strongly support both the Saints and Cobblers aim of bigger sports stadiums for two reasons.

"Firstly, it was clear when I spoke to people during the election campaign it is what the people of Northampton wanted to see happen.

"Secondly, bigger sports clubs are ultimately an economic boost for the town as they bring in more visitors.

"With the election now concluded I sincerely hope that relations between Northampton Borough Council and our major sports clubs never get so low as they have been over the last four years."

Northampton Saints spokesman Chris Wearmouth said: "We have met with the new council and that meeting was very positive.

"It is good to be working with an administration that knows what our needs are and have given us their public support.

"The election was only last week so it's too early to talk about a plan.

"We know that the council is not the final arbitrator in the planning process but it is good to know we have their support."

FAREWELL: Scenes from the funeral and right, James Kouzaris

Much-loved James makes final journey

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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FINAL tributes to James Kouzaris were paid this week, as hundreds of people said goodbye to the fun-loving man killed while on holiday.

The 24-year-old from Kingsthorpe was gunned down in Sarasota, Florida with his friend James Cooper last month.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday at Moulton Parish Church.

More than 500 people attended the service of the popular former Northampton Boys School pupil.

So many people turned out to pay their respects that the church had to print an extra 200 copies of the order of service.

The demand was so high that a video link had to be set up in a neighbouring church building and even then many people had to stand.

Affectionately known as 'Jam' by his friends, his love of travelling was obvious throughout the service.

His casket was decorated with a beach scene, along with a hat, sunglasses and his passport, which he used to travel the world.

The coffin entered the church to Michael Jackson's Man in the Mirror.

James' dad Pete Kouzaris thanked those he said had 'dropped everything' to come to James' funeral, with people travelling from as far away as Australia and Argentina, to say their last goodbye.

Putting on one of his son's hats as an emotional tribute, which was met with applause from the congregation, he questioned 'How is it possible that a young person be armed with a gun?'

Mr Kouzaris explained how his son hated conflict and loved talking to people especially when he was abroad on his travels.

He said: "Travelling was his real passion. He was able to see some fantastic countries and said that meeting so many new people was the best form of education.

"James always brought happiness and comfort to anyone he met and he was always filled with an insatiable appetite for life. I don't think rest in peace is the appropriate thing to say, anything but."

His uncle Mike Kouzaris said that many friends and family members had had tattoos of a 'tree of life' similar to one James had as a tribute.

Stan Cooper, the father of James Cooper, also paid tribute to the boys and their friendship.

He said: "Our James loved him as a brother and we loved him as a second son."

Four friends spoke of how close James was to his family and how they would live their lives to the full after being inspired by his short life in a fitting and emotional tribute.

The families have set up a charity called 'Always a Chance' to help victims of violent crime in their honour. For more information visit www.alwaysachance.org.uk

■ Shawn Tyson, 16, has been charged with two counts of homicide.

FAMILY SCENE: The latest images released of the Dings in happier times and far right, the Vauxhall Corsa which is still being searched for in the investigation

Shocked family beg for help to find wanted man

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THE extended family of the Dings, who were found stabbed to death in their home, have pleaded for people to come forward to help find the prime suspect.

Jifing 'Jeff', 46, Ge Chui 'Helen' 47, Xing 'Nancy', 18, and 12-year-old Alice were killed on the day of the Royal Wedding at their home on Pioneer Close in Simpson Manor.

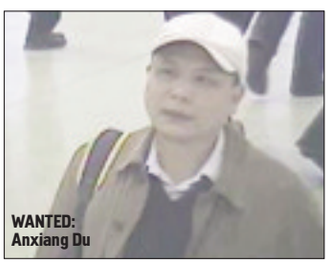
Police are still searching for 52-year-old Anxiang Du and a Vauxhall Corsa in connection with their deaths.

Now their extended family, who live in America and China, have released a statement through Northamptonshire Police.

They have also released pictures of the family together for the first time.

The family said: "We are shocked and saddened to lose our family members in such a violent manner. Jifing and Ge were in the prime of life and had much to offer. Xing and Nancy were bright and talented children who had their lives in front of them.

"To have our family taken away from us in this way is unbearably painful. This was a loving, decent family working hard and doing no harm to anyone; no-one deserves to die in such a way.



WANTED: Anxiang Du

"We appeal to people in the United Kingdom and especially those in the Chinese communities in the UK to help the police in Northampton to find suspect Anxiang Du and let justice take place."

Police revealed at the weekend that a number of new witnesses had come forward in the latest attempt to find Mr Du but they have yet to find the missing car.

Detective Superintendent Glyn Timmins, who is leading the investigation, said: "This is a shocking and brutal murder of a family with everything to live for.

"Having worked in the major crime environment for a number of years even I am appalled by the unnecessary ferocity used in the slaughter of a family in the place where they should have been safest – their home.

"I would implore members of the public to be vigilant, especially in terms of locating the Vauxhall Corsa, BG60 PMO. Your information will be treated carefully and sensitively, please do call."

Neighbours also released a tribute to the family over the weekend.

As well leaving flowers outside the family home they said: "Helen, Jeff, Xing and Alice were long-standing friends and neighbours and were known to us all in different ways.

"They were a family with so much talent, and yet so much humility.

"Clearly we are all shocked and very deeply upset by recent events. The members of the Ding family and their friends, colleagues and fellow students are in our thoughts."

TOUCHING: Floral tributes left outside the family home

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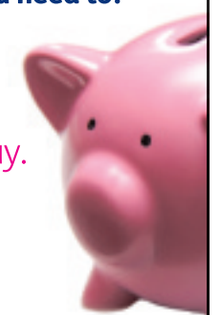

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Does anyone still care about the state of our rubbish-filled streets?

I AM a resident at Spring Park, Kingsthorpe, whether it is just my imagination but it would appear that unsightly litter is on the increase.

I find it more noticeable when walking my dog, particularly across the parks and recreation grounds.

I can see an assortment of cans, plastic bottles and sweet wrappers and even unwanted take-away waste.

It's not only in the wide open spaces but also around our local Tesco Express shop where there are two large litter bins; one outside the shop and one at the bus stop on Acre Lane.

I always carry two carrier bags, one for poop scooping, the other to gather up litter.

I am just a bit bewildered to understand why no one appears to be bothered anymore in seeing such unsightly mess in the neighbourhood and not wishing to pick it up.

Are we all too proud to pick up litter when we see it or simply too lazy to find a bin?

The irony is also we are so programmed to recycle waste through our local authority at home, schools and workplace but beyond our own front door we tend to let go. This problem is not just in my local area, it's more widespread than that.

Surely by announcing that it is a problem and a sad indictment on how we tend to live.

A campaign should be Keep Britain Tidy starts locally.

Surely it cannot just be my opinion is it?

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Brian Binley needs to get his facts right

IN Talking Point in your May 5 edition, Brian Binley MP uses the Australian experience of AV to make the disingenuous claim that "six out of ten voters (in Australia) want the AV system scrapped."

Firstly to have a contentious claim like that published on the day of the referendum when there is no time for a reply shows a bias on the part of your paper toward the 'No' camp.

Secondly, and this would be the proper riposte had there been time to give it, the statement Mr Binley makes is simply not right.

Respected Australian political blogger Antony Green debunks the same claim made by Mr Binley's boss in a speech back in February.

Mr Green says "The problem is, the Prime Minister's statement (and therefore Mr Binley's claim) is based on a single survey and that survey was one in which the Alternative Vote was not even an option."

The survey asked whether the voters were in favour of the current compulsory preferential system, where one is obliged to rank all the candidates, or to just vote for one candidate.

Again to quote Mr Green "What was not offered in this survey was the Alternative Vote option being offered in the UK. The Alternative Vote is optional rather than compulsory (my highlights) preferential voting, a system used at elections in the Australian states of New South Wales and Queensland.

"As the survey stated, it is compulsory to give a preference for every candidate on the ballot paper to vote at Australian federal elections."

So our AV was not offered as a choice in this survey, as the optional or compulsory distinction is a contentious issue in Australian politics.

The survey panned out "57 per cent for first-past-the-post and 37 per cent for compulsory preferential voting." This is where the six out of ten quote originates.

Mr Green's full blog entry can be found here: http://blogs.abc.net.au/antonygreen/2011/02/do-australians-really-want-to-abandon-the-alternative-vote.html?cid=6a00e0097e4e688833014e5f66017a970c

I would ask Mr Binley to check his facts before making clever use of semantics to get his (and his leader's) point across.

By the time this is hopefully published we will know the result of the referendum, and, if the No camp win it is to be hoped that this is not taken as a mandate to ignore calls for PR for the next 50 years. If the Yes camp win, maybe Mr Binley will have to be a bit less cavalier with his propaganda to get re-elected?

Mr R Trenwith
Northampton

Let's make our roads less like rollercoasters

AFTER the past two terrible winters some of our roads were left in a pretty bad condition, with potholes being a regular feature on many routes.

My journey to work takes me from Wellingborough and past Wollaston on the A509 which until now had been pretty much like riding a rollercoaster on the way to work with all the bumps. So I was overjoyed to see resurfacing work underway and I no longer feel like I'm travelling on a fairground ride to get to the office.

What I hope now is that other roads in and around Northants are getting the same treatment.

D Jones
Wellingborough

POLICE HQ: Forces's Wootton Hall base

376 officers failed to make an arrest

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NEARLY 400 police officers did not make a single arrest last year in Northamptonshire.

The figures, which were revealed under a Freedom of Information Act request made by the *Herald & Post*, show 376 out of 1,313 officers did not arrest anyone in the 2010/11 financial period.

The number of officers in the Force who made arrests was 937 however custodies made by members of the Northamptonshire Special Constabulary and civilians were not included in these figures and neither were arrests made by other police forces within the region.

Northamptonshire Police said officers have a variety of roles which may place them in areas where arrests are unlikely to be made.

A police spokeswoman said: "The police service is made up of hugely diverse roles, undertaking a number of different activities to ensure that we are reducing crime and increasing public confidence.

"A significant number of officers are frontline and are engaged in crime prevention including making arrests, they tend to respond to 999 calls, attend road traffic accidents and work within safer community teams.

"However, simply looking at the number of officers who have made arrests, is misleading and not an accurate reflection of the contribution all officers make whether frontline or not, in ensuring community safety.

"We have officers who perform roles that improve the service delivery of the Force, through roles such as delivering officer training, gathering and handling intelligence, working within the professional standards department as well as senior officers who manage departments and teams of officers.

"These are all vitally important roles but it can mean that these officers are not on the frontline making arrests but are nonetheless helping to make our communities safer."

'Supergran' honoured for tackling gang of thieves

'SUPERGRAN' Ann Timson has captured a police award for her heroic action in tackling a group of men raiding a jewellery shop.

Mrs Timson, 71, took on a gang of sledge-hammer wielding thieves with her handbag as they broke into Michael Jones Jewellers in Gold Street, Northampton, on February 7.

After she had knocked two of the men off their motorbike, only then did another passerby come to assist.

Matt Croucher, who was awarded the George Cross for outstanding bravery in Afghanistan for throwing himself on a grenade, was the first person to suggest that Ann should receive an award – he suggested a commendation from the Queen.

On Monday, 'supergran' was given a Certificate of Appreciation to a member of the public by the police.

In the citation read, Chief Superintendent Paul Fell said: "Many of you will no doubt have already read or watched some of the huge media coverage received for this outstanding act of bravery by a member of the public.

"On February 7 this year, police were called to a incident in progress at Michael Jones Jewellers in Gold Street, Northampton. Six men had approached the jewellers and were attempting to smash the windows of the shop to steal items from within, when they were approached by Mrs Ann Timson who attempted to stop them using her handbag.

"The men then made off from the scene and members of the public apprehended a man who was arrested by police officers on their arrival. This incredible act of bravery was caught on camera."

MEDIA FRENZY: Ann Timson on the Today Show after news of her heroic actions to prevent a jewellery store robbery reached America

The footage of her actions was viewed worldwide as news of her actions went global. She even appeared on American TV.

Arthritic Mrs Timson is retired but used to be a market trader in Northampton.

Last month, five men appeared at Northampton Crown Court and admitted their part in the smash and grab raid in which £100,000 worth of watches were taken.

Patrick O'Brien, 18, from Arlington Square, Islington, Terry Ingles, 22, from Arran Walk, Canonbury, Edward Smith, 28, from Staveley Close, Holloway, Jason Hartles, 25, from Peabody Square, Islington, and Michael Sharpe, 39, from Rowstock Gardens, Holloway, all pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to burgle.

The prosecution accepted not guilty pleas to a charge of conspiracy to commit robbery.

Ingles admitted taking a Vespa scooter without authority and driving while disqualified.

O'Brien admitted being carried on the scooter without authority.

All five were remanded in custody for sentence on May 23.

Pre-sentence reports are being prepared on O'Brien, Ingles and Hartles.

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TalkingPoint

This week's guest columnist is Cllr Brendan Glynane

If not AV then what is best?

THE referendum was a clear rejection of the Alternative Vote method.

The No campaign convinced enough people that although they can set their Sky+ box, work out housekeeping budgets, set out saving and pension plans and download apps to their phones, that when it comes to voting, they are only capable enough to mark an X with a pencil tied to a string.

Liberal Democrats are grown-up people and not children who have a tantrum when they don't get something they strongly wanted.

We accept we lost the argument on AV. But where does the campaign for a fairer voting system go now?

We must bear in mind the following.

Firstly, voting reform is no longer just a Liberal Democrat issue.

UKIP, the Greens, the Nationalist parties, even many in the Labour party, campaigned for a Yes vote.

As more and more parties arrive on the scene, they all recognise that an electoral system designed for two party politics is way out of date.

Secondly, the first-past-the-post (FPTP) system remains a bad voting system – which is why all new democracies over the last 30 years have kept it at arms' length.

Having minority rule and domination is, in some cases, something the new democracies have been trying to get away from for decades.

Thirdly, let's not forget that the Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly, Northern Ireland Assembly and the London Assembly, are all new bodies set up over the last 12 years and all stayed well away from FPTP.

Many British people are at present using other voting methods and using them well.

Fourthly, the Conservative party will NEVER accept voting reform.

They have fought against every political reform since 1832 including votes for women, the House of Lords reduction in powers and the regional assemblies.

Hence the question is – if AV is not the answer, what is?

The Liberal Democrats' policy is for Single Transferable Voting (STV) as used in Northern Ireland and for Scotland's councils.

Other parties might have other views.

In the 1990s there was a Scottish Constitutional Convention – involving people from various parties and other groups such as the church and unions - to discuss Scotland's future.

This helped lead to Scotland's parliament. As voting reform is now a multi-party issue, I would like to see something similar set up, with representatives from all parties and parts of society, to decide, once and for all, which would be the best and fairest system to elect our parliamentary representatives.

David Cameron deserves great credit for being the first Prime Minister to voluntarily give up the right to call an election whenever he chooses.

Having fixed terms, along with the increase in votes for 'other' parties (13 per cent at the latest poll), make hung parliaments all the more likely in future.

And Lib Dems should argue for more this time, such as STV for council elections (which would be easy to set up as most council wards are multi-member).

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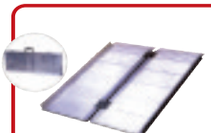

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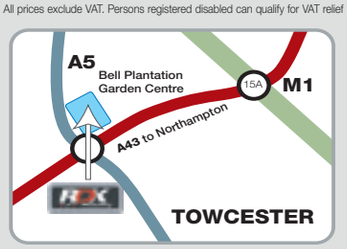

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Library hopes for new friends

ST James Residents' Association hope a rallying call to become a friend of the library will be answered by lots of people on Saturday.

The county council's library service, in conjunction with the Association, is holding a drop-in coffee morning on Saturday, between 10.30am and noon at St James Library.

All residents and library users are welcome to find out how they can join the friends group and in turn help save St James Library from closure in the future.

St James Residents' Association secretary and acting secretary of the library's friends group, Graham Croucher, said: "The fight is very much still on and a thriving friends group that can help drive user numbers up even further will help protect it from future attacks, the first of which will come later this year after the comprehensive review of libraries has taken place."

Cop chase teen's road ban and fine

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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A TEENAGER was twice the drink drive limit when he overturned a van as he was pursued by police through Northampton.

Learner driver Edward Roycroft was speeding at 50 miles per hour in a 30 mile zone at 3am when officers decided to stop him.

Prosecutor Stuart Yeung told Northampton Crown Court on Monday that the Fiat Scudo van was seen on the wrong side of the road in the Standens Barn area on October 17 last year. Roycroft, 18, travelled over speed bumps and "fishtailed" down the road for 200 metres.

When he tried to take a roundabout over the A45 at Lumbertubs Way, he lost control, hit the kerb and crashed.

Mr Yeung said: "He hit the kerb and rolled the van several times with the roof coming to a stop on the barriers which prevented the van from falling onto the A45 below."

Roycroft got out and ran off towards Riverside retail park.

He was caught by a police dog and when he lunged at his handler he was bitten. He tried to escape but was arrested.

He was breath tested and gave a reading of 77 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath - the legal limit is 35.

Roycroft, of Mossfield Road, Birmingham, pleaded guilty in March to dangerous driving and driving with excess alcohol. He also admitted having no insurance and driving without a licence.

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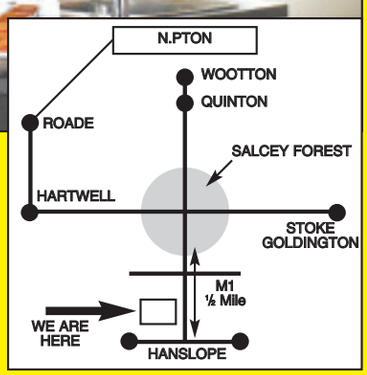

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The authority's environmental warden for the area organised the drive in partnership with the Community Payback Unit of Northamptonshire Probation Trust.

Together with offenders undertaking unpaid work, the environmental team cleared away general litter and flytipping, a real problem along this stretch of road, and cut back overgrown shrubs.

Head of community payback, Matt Chester said: "This is part of a long-standing partnership between the local authority and probation that demonstrates significant value for money in making environmental improvements that communities benefit from whilst allowing offenders to make reparation."

The work took the whole day, with a council truck on hand to cart away the rubbish collected.

Lights start going out for switch off

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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STREET lights across the county started being turned off this week.

Northamptonshire County Council has agreed a programme to reduce the cost of street lighting energy by 50 per cent.

This is part of a plan to reduce the authority's overall street-lighting budget by £2 million.

The initiative will see about one in two of county council-owned lights switched off as it aims to make £73 million in-year savings.

As well as making cash cuts the initiative will also help the council reduce light pollution, energy consumption and its carbon footprint.

Corby is the first area to have some of its lights turned out.

Work started on Monday and it is expected to take seven working days to turn off the selected lights in the borough. The second area for the switch off is South Northamptonshire and this should start next week.

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Cops searching for man after spot of horseplay at stable

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POLICE would like to speak to a man who has been horsing around at a local stable.

The man first entered the paddock in Rothersthorpe in February but returned again at the beginning of May.

Northamptonshire Police have released a CCTV image of his visit and want to contact him because of his suspicious activity in the area.

He last attended the site on Sunday, May 1.

Both his visits have taken place between 4am and 6am on a Sunday morning. The man is described as black, of slim build with a black beard and appears always to be similarly dressed in a light green hooded top, cream trousers and carrying a rucksack and mobile phone which he was using as a light.

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However, one in five adults intends to gain further qualifications with colleges reporting increased enrolments, according to a study by YouGov.

The survery of more than 2,000 adults last year found that in excess of 8.4million people have switched careers in the previous three years and a further 3.2million intended to do so in the year after. Money was a deciding factor in 2/5 of respondents.

Even if you are trying to get back into the same field of work as you were in before, it is still a good idea to gain more skills. Training courses are run at colleges, universities, private course providers, advice centres and adult education centres.

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You don't need to be told how much of a big deal choosing a school for your child is. It's probably been on your mind since your child was born.

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School is not only a place of learning in terms of academia, but also in the social sense. School is an important part of your child's life, as they learn to mix with their peers and to make friends. Ask about the facilities such as after school care.

Speaking to the local authority helps too. League tables and exam results can give you a good reflection of the performance of a school. Asking children who already go to a particular school is a good way to get a grasp of what pupils think. It is surprising how unbiased and informative children can be. Observe how teachers react with their pupils and if you can, don't hesitate to speak to parents who are picking their children up at the end of the day. If you explain your reasoning for asking they will be more likely to help, as they too will have been in the same situation.

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ELECTION RESULTS

IT was all change at The Guildhall on Friday as the results of the local elections for Northampton Borough Council were announced.

The Conservative party took control from the Liberal Democrats who suffered a crushing defeat. The elected councillors are listed below. Turn the page for reaction.

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Tony Ansell - Con
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Geraldine Davies - Lab
Michael Ford - Con
Brendan Glynane - Lib Dem

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Brandon Eldred - Con
Phil Larratt - Con

EASTFIELD
Elizabeth Gowen - Lab

HEADLANDS
Ven Sivaramen - Lab

KINGS HEATH
Roger Conroy - Lib Dem

KINGSLEY
Beverley-Anne Mennell - Lab

KINGSTHORPE
Sally Beardsworth - Lib Dem

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Michael Hill - Con
Jonathan Nunn - Con

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Matthew Golby - Con

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Mary Markham - Con

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Suresh Patel - Con

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Norman Duncan - Con

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Gareth Eales - Lab

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ELECTION SPECIAL

Town has the blues back into power...

IT was a bad day at the office for the Lib Dems as they lost control of Northampton Borough Council to the Conservatives in last Thursday's local elections. JONATHAN REILLY looks at reaction to the vote.

THE face of Northampton Borough Council has well and truly changed to blue after the Conservatives swept to victory in the local elections.

The Liberal Democrats, who had run the authority since 2007, lost 19 seats as the Tories took control.

The Conservative Party gained nine councillors to give them a majority of 26 of the 45 seats available in the chamber.

Cllr David Mackintosh, the Conservative campaign manager, said: "The Conservative campaign was about listening to the people of Northampton and putting forward positive proposals to put Northampton back on track.

"We sent surveys to thousands of people, knocked on doors and telephoned people across the town.

"The result of 26 Conservatives and a majority on the council was always our aim and we now have a fantastic team of councillors to take the town forward."

Former leader of the Liberal Democrats, Brian Hoare, who lost his seat, blamed the electoral system for the manner of their defeat.

ONE OF FOUR: New Lib Dem leader Cllr Sally Beardsworth

He said: "One in four people who voted in Northampton supported the Liberal Democrats and they recognise the improvements made in the town since 2007. They also support the party's national stance in sorting out the financial mess left by the previous Labour government.

"With 25 per cent of the votes we only received nine per cent of the seats on the council.

"The Conservatives received 44 per cent of the votes and got over 60 per cent of council seats, so you can see why the Conservatives aren't in favour of changing the voting system."

Veteran councillor, and former Mayor of Northampton, Sally Beardsworth has taken over as the new leader of the Liberal Democrats.

She said: "There may be only be four Lib Dems on the borough council but we intend to continue to put the interests of Northampton people first and we will be holding the new Conservative administration to

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OPPOSITION: Cllr Lee Mason

account and we will see how many of their manifesto policies they manage to implement.

"They have inherited from the Liberal Democrats a council that is well run and financially stable. We have to ensure that it stays that way."

However, it is Labour that has now taken the place as main opposition party, having gained ten councillors.

Their leader, Cllr Lee Mason is relishing the prospect of being able to keep a check on the new Conservative led authority.

She said: "I'm thrilled to be elected as leader following our success as it is a huge privilege.

"As the leader of the opposition on NBC I will work tirelessly to hold this new Conservative administration to account.

"Labour stood on some clear policies such as trying to protect frontline services from Tory/Lib Dem Coalition cuts, better relations with the Saints and Cobblers and opposing full-scale Housing Stock Transfer.

"We will be working to put these policies at the top of the agenda at the Guildhall."

■ Northampton voted a clear No against proposals to reform the electoral system. 41,065 people voted No to the Alternative Vote in the referendum, whereas only 17,651 wanted a change from the first-past-the-post system currently used. Turn out was 39.7 per cent.

Conservatives still safe in South

THE Tory Party held on to South Northamptonshire Council with an overwhelming majority.

However, the authority bucked the trend nationally in that the Liberal Democrats actually gained two seats in the area. Labour also gained a councillor.

Both parties previously had no representation on the council.

South Northants includes, Grange Park, Hackleton, Harpole & Grange, Heyfords & Bugbrooke, Kingthorn, Little Brook, Old Stratford, Towcester Brook and Towcester Mill.

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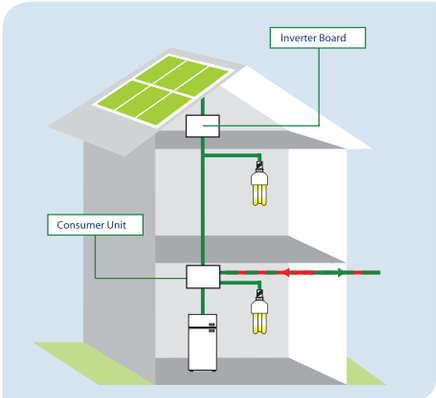

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Take your surroundings into account. If you can include them into your decorations from time to time so much the better.

Centrepieces that include multicoloured leaves and flowers from your garden are beautiful and make your guests feel closer to their natural surroundings. Drawing inspiration from your surroundings always helps to move you into a design plan that goes seamlessly from your outdoor living space to the great outdoors.

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Tea and toilet roll is fast work for Mason

BY JONATHAN REILLY
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A BOY has broken world records in two unusual events.

Mason Pye, 15, from Campanula Close, Northampton, has been presented with an official Guinness World Record as the world's fastest tea maker and toilet roller.

Although the first task was self-explanatory, for his second attempt Mason had to unravel a toilet roll as fast as possible using only one hand, a challenge he did in 37.56 seconds. He made a cuppa in just 11.20 seconds.

Mason, a student from Northampton School for Boys, was given the chance to beat this unique world record when he took part in the Cadbury Spots v Stripes Race Season. He was over the moon when he discovered he had broken not one but two records.

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PROUD PUSS: Ruth Adams and Smokey

Smokey purrs her way into the record books

A NOISY cat officially has the loudest purr in the world.

Smokey, a 12-year-old female British short-hair, from Pitsford, broke the record for a domestic cat at 67.7 dB (LA peak).

Smokey is owned by Ruth Adams and was adopted from NANNA, a local rescue centre.

Ruth said: "Smokey and I are very excited at being awarded the Guinness World Records title for the loudest purring domestic cat.

"We originally started a purring competition in our home town of Northampton to promote the cats charity 'Cats Protection'.

"We wish to thank all those who have supported Smokey with her record attempt and especially wish to thank Northampton College for organising the trials and supplying the expertise I needed to comply with the technical aspects of a Guinness World Records claim. We are very happy and purring loudly at the announcement that we hold a Guinness World Records title."

Craig Glenday, editor-in-chief of Guinness World Records, said: "Guinness World Records is a veritable cat-alogue of fantastic felines and Smokey is a welcome addition to the family. It's incredible to think that a cat's purr can be as loud as a vacuum cleaner!"

Youngster under attack in KFC

A GIRL was assaulted at KFC in Abington Street, Northampton.

The victim and her friend had a drink thrown at them and one was pushed against a wall when they refused to talk to their attacker on May 4. The suspect is described as being about 5ft 4, black, with a clear complexion, short shaved black hair and of normal build.

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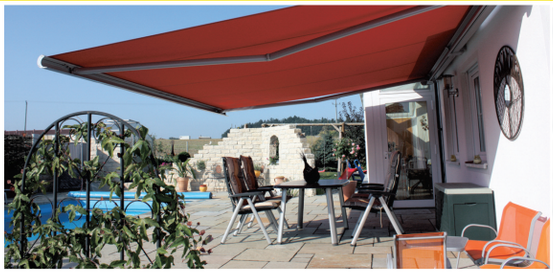

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College's top notch inspection feedback

THE Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) has awarded Moulton College with its highest accolade following an inspection.

It said it has 'confidence' in both the management of quality and standards of higher education courses at the college.

Reviewers visited Moulton in 2010 and 2011 and met with students, staff and employers to establish their views about their experiences and considered these views alongside a self-evaluation made by the college.

They identified five areas of overall good practice and made three suggestions to further improve its provision.

College principal Steve Davies said: "We are delighted that the QAA has endorsed the very high standards that we achieve.

"Higher education plays an extremely important role within the college offering progression for students and preparing them for work. We welcome any recommendations that can further enhance the already positive student experience."

QAA is the body responsible for reviews of every university and college that offers higher education courses. It identifies good practice and makes recommendations about how the student learning opportunities could be improved even further.

The full report is available at http://www.qaa.ac

Man tries to pick up schoolgirl

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A DRIVER has raised the suspicions of police after he tried to pick up an 11-year-old girl.

The offender approached her in the East Hunsbury area of Northampton on Friday, May 6.

Shortly before 4pm the girl was walking home from school along Penvale Road when a small, silver two-door car came towards her and parked up.

The driver got out of the vehicle and said he had been told to pick the girl up but she ran off to her home. The man is described as possibly being Asian or mixed race, in his 20s, of thin build and with a goatee beard.

He had short black hair which was shorter on the sides than on top. He was wearing jeans and white trainers with a blue logo.

The vehicle was a Fiat Punto-type car with a grey interior. The rear seat behind the front passenger was folded down.

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Roadshow bid to help find more foster carers

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A RECRUITMENT team is set to hit the roads to spread the word about fostering.

County council social workers and foster carers will be on hand at roadshows to answer questions and offer advice to anyone thinking about caring for a child.

The Fostering Team Tour is about celebrating Foster Care Fortnight from May 16 to 29.

The roadshow will be stopping at:

- May 17: 10am-1pm at Tesco Mereway, Northampton
- May 17: 2pm-5pm, Morrison's, Victoria Promenade, Northampton
- May 21 and 22: Althorp Country Show
- May 25: 6pm-9pm, John Dryden House, The Lakes, Bedford Road, Northampton, for a fostering open evening
- May 26: 10am-2pm, Swansgate Shopping Centre, Wellingborough
- May 28 and 29: Lamport Festival of Country Life

Cabinet member for children and young people Cllr Andrew Grant *(pictured)* said: "Recruiting new foster carers is a tireless and ongoing task and Foster Care Fortnight gives us the opportunity to raise the awareness of the need

for more foster carers. These events are an excellent opportunity for people to find out more about fostering.

"Our dedicated team of social workers is always on hand to speak to the public about fostering and we do have monthly open evenings but these events will give people more opportunity to find out about fostering at a location and time more convenient to them."

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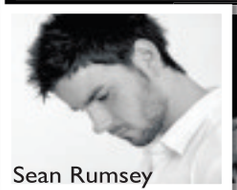

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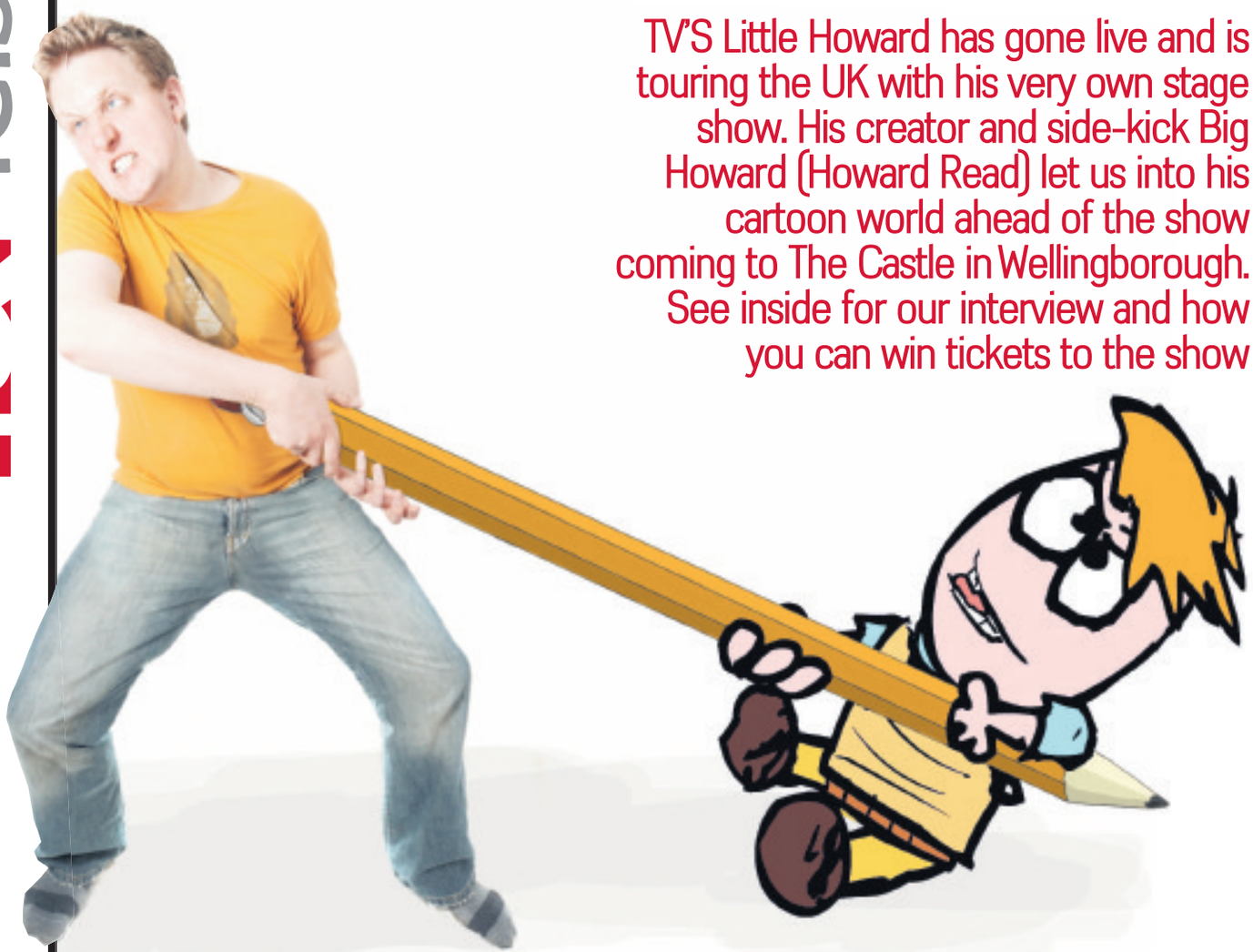
H&P leisure your entertainment guide

Howard's way

TV'S Little Howard has gone live and is touring the UK with his very own stage show. His creator and side-kick Big Howard (Howard Read) let us into his cartoon world ahead of the show coming to The Castle in Wellingborough. See inside for our interview and how you can win tickets to the show



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Cartoon side-kick Howard continues to steal spotlight

THEATRE

LITTLE HOWARD AND THE MAGIC PENCIL OF LIFE AND DEATH
The Castle, Wellingborough
Monday, May 30 at 11am and 2pm

HOWARD Read has got used to taking a back seat to his comedy double act.

He has even come to terms with being told he's not as funny and should let his partner go it alone.

Read, or Big Howard as he's also known, is fine with it, except that this colleague is his own creation.

Big Howard is a comic, writer, animator and actor. And he's the brains behind popular cartoon character Little Howard - the six-year-old animated boy who regularly gets better reviews than his adult side-kick.

"I used to get jealous. It's a running theme. I'm used to it now. My cartoon is funnier and carries me."

Little Howard is the younger version of his creator. They are the world's first human/cartoon double-act.

Now a popular TV show, Little Howard was born thanks to Read's first full length stand-up show. He had an hour to fill but only half hour of decent gags and

having started fiddling with animation he wondered if he could combine the two.

Little Howard, then just a filler, stole the show and the next year returned as part of a full double-act which led to a Perrier Award nomination.

Read said: "It took me a while to realise this could work for children. I did the same show but with no rude words."

Now, Little Howard and the Magic Pencil of Life and Death sees the duo touring the UK in their very own theatre show.

Little Howard is brought to life using projection. It sees the jealous youngster find out that Big Howard has a son.

And that he is created with the lead of a pencil but the rubber can destroy cartoons in a classic battle between good and evil. As well as his real life son, family man Read has a daughter.

He now finds it normal working with an animated co-star: "You get used to it and because I write for him all the time and in my head he's real, I call it 'our' show.

"If you don't suspend disbelief it won't work."

Having worked with adults and kids, Read says he enjoys a family audience where you get both.

"A lot of comedy is about taboo - it's important for kids too. It is about finding rude things that both audiences know."

But he admits: "My stand-up has got more adult since I started doing a family show."

Luckily he's had no slip ups as he goes between the two very different audiences.

COMPETITION

We have a pair of tickets to giveaway to the 2pm show as well as some books.

To enter, answer this question:
How old is Little Howard?

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Bird takes flight for comic tour

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Each show will start by talking about the location, then going on to take a close look at one village over the course of a year seen through the eyes of its own monthly newsletter.

Bird grew up in a small rural town surrounded by these little villages and made the big move to the city.

He then got married and moved back to a small rural town surrounded by little villages to buy a house and have kids.

Bird takes a look at the similarities and differences and how your attitude changes.

A tour support for Rhod Gilbert in 2010 and 2011 and programme associate on Jason Manford's Comedy Rocks, Bird has rapidly established himself as one of the best young comedians in the UK.

He has an animated storytelling style which is punctuated by his keen perceptions on life.

His available tour dates include:

- May 25 - Badby, The Windmill
- May 29 - Farthingstone Village Hall
- June 15 - Blakesley Village Hall
- July 4 - Abthorpe, The New Inn
- July 27 - Tiffield, The George

For more information visit www.andrewbirdcomedian.com

Leisure Briefs

ACOUSTIC SOUNDS
THE Kontra Roots Club is back at Kennedy's Bar in Finedon tomorrow at 8pm.

This time around the acoustic showcase will feature Australian folk/blues guitarist Daniel Champagne, veteran folk act Kevin Barber and Northampton folk rock band Rogue State Circus.

Admission is free.

COUNTRY GARDENS
COTTESBROOKE village gardens will be open on Sunday, May 29 between 2pm and 5.30pm to raise money for their church, All Saints.

There will be cream teas and a barbecue at the village hall before the event at 1pm. Admission to the gardens is £3.

The village is ten miles north of Northampton between Creaton and Brixworth.

SOME PURE FOLK
THE Great kNight Folk Club returns to the Old White Hart in Far Cotton, Northampton, on Tuesday, May 17 at 8pm.

It will feature Phil Hare who is regarded as one of the finest and most distinctive acoustic guitarists working on the current folk music circuit.

It's £6 on the door.

LET'S GET ARTY
ST Andrew's Church in Harlestone will hold their seventh annual art exhibition on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 between 10am and 5pm to raise funds for the church.

Original paintings by local artists will be on sale. Refreshments will be available.

ORGAN MUSIC
THERE will be an organ recital at St Mary the Virgin Church in Knox Road, Wellingborough. It will take place on Saturday, May 21 at 7.30pm. Entry is free but there will be a retiring collection.

ANYTHING GOES
THE Tingdene Entertainers of Finedon are presenting the popular Cole Porter musical Anything Goes at the Star Hall in Laws Lane, Finedon from June 15 to 18 each evening at 7.45pm.

Tickets are available from 01933 680680/682013.

THEATRE

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE
Moulton Theatre, West Street
May 24 and 25 at 7.30pm

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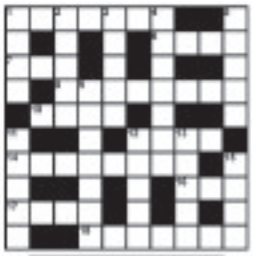

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6.Cutting tool (4)
7.Snooze (3)
8.Completed (8)
10.Wheel cover (4)
12.Mole (4)
14.Drag (5)
16.Trim (3)
17.Kill (4)
18.Old (7)

DOWN
1.Rubbish (4)
2.Quick (3)
3.Feather (5)
4.Small dish (7)
5.Vendettas (8)
9.Item (7)
11.Step (5)
12.Inevitable (8)
13.Forest mammal (5)
15.On holiday (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
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DOWN: 1.Fete 2.Expose 3.Sense 4.Sedated 7.Peeled 9.Assert 11.Viper 13.Elms

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MATCH FIVE

Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Fast.
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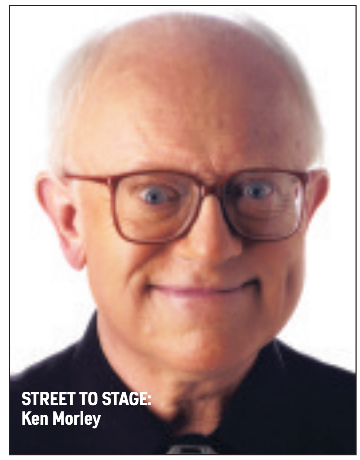
STREET TO STAGE: Ken Morley

Life on the cobbles goes live on stage

THEATRE

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Monday, May 16 to Saturday, May 21

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Breakfast club
– with Heart FM's Stuart and Natalie

IT'S been a long held ambition of ours to eat at the 'Fat Duck' in Bray, home to the culinary genius that is Heston Blumenthal.

We caught up with Heston this week to talk about his new Channel 4 show and his search for the UK's next up coming chef.

He told us that the inspiration for his famous snail porridge came after one of his chef's had proposed to his girlfriend in a Chinese restaurant in New York where they had fish porridge on the menu.

Heston being Heston thought he could take that idea to a whole new level using snails!

We were also surprised to hear that he likes nothing better than a good Donner Kebab after a few pints on a night out!

We also caught up with the lovely Lorraine Kelly this week who is lending her voice to a brand new children's TV show, 'rah rah the noisy lion'.

She told us that despite having an older child she has really enjoyed narrating stories aimed at younger kids.

"When my daughter was young I absolutely loved reading stories to her, so it's really nice to do that again."

And given the choice of a classic children's TV show to bring back she would love to see Mr Ben back on our screens and the Flintstones!

"I think you could give the Flintstones a whole new spin with Eammon Holmes giving it a whole new Irish flavour.

"He can really ya-ba-dab-adoo!

"He'd be a cracking Fred Flintstone!"

Finally, we're only a few weeks away from the very first Take That shows and we have managed to get some tickets, so keep your eyes on this column in the coming weeks and we'll tell you how you can get hold of them!

■ Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday 6am-10am on Heart 103.3FM.

Students' Nifty project

THEATRE

TURTLE SHOES
The Picturedrome, Kettering Road, Northampton
Thursday, May 19 at 7.30pm

TWO acting students will kick-start their professional careers with their debut production taking to the stage next week.

Rather Nifty Theatre Company was formed during 2010 by Oliver Malam and Richard Mutimer.

Turtle Shoes concludes their BA hons acting degree as well as mark the beginning of their professions.

Malam and Mutimer have taken on a multitude of roles to create it including writing, acting and directing as well as marketing, stage management, set design, and promotion.

Turtle Shoes looks at the happenings of an accidental hostage situation between two characters, exploring the dynamic journey of their relationship on the way.

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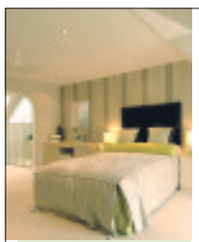

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Closing date: Wednesday 18th May 2011 (noon). Interviews: w/c 23rd May 2011

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Closing Dates for both posts:
Wednesday 18th May (12.00 noon)
Interviews: Friday 20th May

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The school practices stringent Safe Guarding Procedures.
Both experienced teachers and NQTs are welcome to apply.
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Informal visits to the school by prospective candidates are encouraged and welcomed by prior appointment.

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Both schools practice stringent Safe Guarding Procedures.
Experienced teachers and NQTs are welcome to apply.
Visits are welcomed.

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HARROWDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Enquiries to Mrs D Willis, Headteacher's PA, Harrowden Middle School, Oak Road, Bedford MK42 0HH. Tel 01234 220480.
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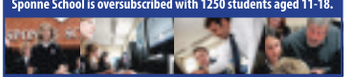

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Estate model to hit roads

FORD dealers will soon start selling the new estate version of the all-new Focus, with full production now underway.

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Customers will then have a choice of two dynamic and attractive bodystyles – five-door and estate.

"Customer and media reception for the all-new five-door Focus has been exceptional and we expect an equally enthusiastic welcome for the estate model," said Roelant de Waard, vice president, marketing sales and service, Ford of Europe.

"Ford dealers across Europe are seeing strong demand as they launch the new Focus range, with well over 20,000 customer orders by early April – and this figure is rising fast.

"New Ford Focus brings class-leading levels of technology, design and driving quality to the medium car market and the estate will deliver these same qualities to an even broader group of customers."

The estate is an important model for the UK market, with about 15 per cent of all Focus customers forecast to choose this bodystyle.

Gunnar Herrmann, Ford's global medium car line director, said: "The estate has always been a key strength of the Ford Focus range in Europe and its popularity is second only to the five-door.

"Customers want the extra space and flexibility a traditional estate provides but still expect all the technology, great driving dynamics and superb styling of the five-door."

The new Focus estate provides a balance of dynamic looks and functional practicality.

Standard full-length integrated aluminium roof rails enhance the estate's design, while the tailgate neatly incorporates a compact roof spoiler.

The spacious interior has been carefully designed to offer generous accommodation for both passengers and their luggage.

In keeping with its family car character, the new model is available with a comprehensive range of features.

Customers can tailor the load compartment with a variety of accessories, from floor liner mats and luggage nets to dog guards and load retention barriers.

The standard polished aluminium roof rails provide the stylish basis for a complete roof carrier system, including dedicated cross bar fittings to transport everything from bicycles to skis.

For the comfort and safety of younger passengers, the driver can be reassured by convenience features like the rear seat belt minders – to alert the driver if rear seat passengers are not securely belted in – and power operated rear door child locks.

It is available with the same exciting choice of low-CO2 powertrains and smart technology features as the all-new five-door Focus.

The line-up includes the state-of-the-art new 1.6-litre Ford EcoBoost turbocharged direct injection petrol engine and a choice of advanced and improved Duratorq TDCi common-rail diesel engines.

In addition to the highly efficient petrol and diesel powertrains, the range also incorporates other features from Ford ECOnetic technologies to help minimise fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

All vehicles with 1.6-litre Ford Eco-Boost petrol and 1.6-litre TDCi diesel engines are equipped with standard Auto-Start-Stop.

The estate also benefits from unprecedented investment in vehicle technologies, which has resulted in the Focus line-up offering customers an exciting array of advanced features generally found only in larger, more expensive vehicles.

Some of the key innovations include: the low speed safety system designed to help drivers avoid the kind of low speed collision when a car drives into the rear of the vehicle in front.

There is also ActiveParkAssist, lane Departure warning, a lane keeping aid, traffic sign recognition, auto high beam, driver alert which can detect when the motorist is becoming tired or even falling asleep and adaptive cruise control.

Drivers paying more to insure their vehicles

MORE than 80 per cent of motorists are paying more for their car insurance this year than last according to a What Car? magazine poll - with rising fraud and criminal activity largely to blame.

While the average price rise is 33 per cent, more than half of motorists are facing bills that have soared even more according to What Car? research.

This is despite the growth of online comparison sites which should, in theory, make it easier for motorists to shop around for better deals. What Car?'s research found a 25-year-old man whose premium has risen 77 per cent to £1,520 – more than his Skoda Fabia is worth, and an 18-year-old girl who has been asked to pay £4,250 for her Ford Fiesta, a hike of 52 per cent over her premium last year.

Neither driver had made a claim in the past 12 months.

The Association of British Insurers (ABI) says the vastly increased premiums are down to three main things: uninsured drivers (who add on average £30 a year to a policy), fraudulent claims (£41 a year) and legal fees incurred in settling personal injury claims (£41 a year).

While all three issues are the subject of increasing legislation and Government inquiry, What Car? is calling on the authorities to act faster and more efficiently so that innocent motorists don't have to keep on paying for criminal activity.

REPORT: HiQ marketing manager Geraldine McGovern

Cost-conscious tyre buyers

DRIVERS in Northampton are the most cost-conscious in Britain when it comes to buying new tyres, according to a major report on the sector by fast fit network HiQ.

But HiQ, which is championing reform in the way tyres are sold, says too many people have had poor experiences at garages and dealerships and no longer trust them for advice on what should be fitted to their cars.

"The results of this research into our own industry surprised us," said HiQ's marketing manager Geraldine McGovern.

"We knew people were sometimes wary when buying tyres but this was worse than we thought – less than a quarter of drivers in Northampton found buying a tyre from a dealer or garage was always the honest or trustworthy experience it should be.

"We need to rebuild trust and make sure drivers believe we both know what we're talking about and that we're giving them the best possible advice.

"We need to radically change the whole experience of buying a tyre, so that it feels as trustworthy and pleasant as shopping on the high street."

After speaking to some 2,000 motorists independent pollsters OnePoll discovered that drivers in Northampton typically spend just £69.57 on a new tyre, compared with a national average of £83.40.

They also revealed that 39 per cent of drivers in Northampton put safety top of their checklist when choosing tyres, compared with 40 per cent nationally. Among the most important factors in choosing a tyre were price, the manufacturer's brand and mileage.

The research comes as HiQ takes the lead in challenging the way the fast-fit industry sells tyres to the public, by ensuring that its entire network of more than 150 branches is as customer-friendly as possible.

Steps include a programme of investing in clean and pleasant customer surroundings; producing clear, jargon-free pricing and menu boards so customers know exactly what they are buying - and how much it costs; creating an online ordering service; and sending its technicians for professional assessment under the ATA accreditation programme.

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10/10 Mondeo Zetec 2.0 TDCi Automatic 140psi, 6 speed, 5 door, finished in silver, a/con, ABS, alloy wheels, electric pack, 16,000 miles **£14,695**

11 11 FIESTA ZETEC 1.6 AUTOMATIC, (New Shape) 5 door, silver, air con, ABS brakes, electric pack, alloy wheels, only 400 miles as new, rear parking services **£11,995**

08/57 C-Max Zetec 2.0 Automatic, ocean blue, air con, ABS, alloy wheels, privacy glass, 15,000 miles **£8,495**

10/10 Fusion Zetec Climate 1.6 Automatic, silver, air con, ABS, alloy wheels,only 1,000 miles **£8,995**

07/57 Focus 1.6 Ghia Automatic Estate, sea grey, full Ghia spec, air conditioning, ABS brakes, full electric pack including cruise control, alloy wheels, only 18,000 miles **£7,995**

07/57 Focus Style 1.6 Auto (New Style), 5 door, tango red, air conditioning, ABS brakes, 13,000 miles **£7,995**

07/57 Nissan Note Tekna 1.6 Automatic, 5 door, metallic blue, air conditioning, ABS brakes, only 11,000 miles **£6,995**

07/57 Nissan Note SVE 1.6 Automatic, 5 door, finished in silver, air conditioning, ABS brakes, half leather interior, alloy wheels, 11,000 miles **£6,995**

07/07 Nissan Note Acenta 1.6 Automatic, 5 door, metallic beige, air conditioning, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, 13,000 miles **£6,995**

08/08 Nissan Micra 1.2 Acenta Automatic, 5 door, metallic black, air conditioning, ABS brakes, 9,000 miles **£6,995**

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10/59 S-Max Titanium TDCi Automatic, 7 seat, silver, full spec, a/con, ABS, privacy glass, parking sensors, alloy wheels, 8,000 miles **£17,995**

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10/10 Mondeo Zetec 2.0 TDCi Automatic 140psi, 6 speed, 5 door, finished in silver, a/con, ABS, alloy wheels, electric pack, 16,000 miles **£14,695**

08/08 Mondeo Titanium X 2.0 TDCi Estate (New Shape), 5 door, 6 speed, finished in thunder, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, radio/CD, 12,000 miles **£14,995**

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10/10 Focus Zetec 1.6 TDCi, 5 speed, 5 door, vision blue, air con, ABS brakes, electric pack, alloy wheel, only 7,000 miles only £30.00 road Tax Per Year **£11,995**

10/10 Focus 1.6 Titanium, 5 speed, 5 door, a/con, ABS, full electric pack, choice of colours, all less than 15,000 miles **£10,995**

10/10 Focus Zetec 1.6, 5 speed, 5 door, silver, a/con, ABS, alloy wheels, 11,000 miles **£9,995**

10/10 Focus Zetec 1.6, 5 speed, 5 door, silver, a/con, ABS, extras include sports pack with privacy glass, 17" alloy wheels, 16,000 miles, choice of two **£9,995**

10/10 Focus Style 1.6, 5 speed, 5 door, vision blue, a/con, ABS, 12,000 miles **£9,250**

09/59 Focus 1.6 Zetec, 5 speed, 5 door, silver, a/con, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, 27,000 miles **£8,695**

07/57 Focus Style 1.6 Auto (New Shape), 5 door, finished in tango red, air conditioning, ABS brakes, 13,000 miles **£7,995**

07/07 Vauxhall Zafira 1.6 Club, 5 speed, 5 door, 7 seat, finished in silver, air conditioning, ABS brakes, 16,000 miles **£7,995**

07/07 Vauxhall Zafira 1.6 Life, 5 speed, 7 seat, finished in peacock blue, air conditioning, ABS brakes, 17,000 miles **£7,995**

07/57 Nissan Note SVE 1.6 Automatic, 5 door, finished in silver, air conditioning, ABS brakes, half leather interior, 11,000 miles **£6,995**

07/57 Nissan Note Tekna 1.6 Automatic, 5 door, finished in metallic blue, air conditioning, ABS brakes, half leather interior, only 11,000 miles **£6,995**

07/57 Nissan Note Acenta 1.6 Automatic, 5 door, finished in champagne bronze, air conditioning, ABS brakes, cloth interior, 13,000 miles **£6,995**

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08/58 Fiesta 1.25 Style Climate, 3 door, 5 speed, finished in panther black, ABS brakes, heated front screen, 9,000 miles **£5,995**

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07/56 Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Design Twinport, 5 speed, 5 door, finished in silver, air conditioning, ABS brakes, half leather interior, alloy wheels, 27,000 miles **£5,995**

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07/56 Fusion Zetec Climate 1.4, 5 speed, finished in silver, air conditioning, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, full electric pack, only 10,000 miles **£6,795**

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08/08 Nissan Micra 1.2 Acenta Automatic, 5 door, metallic black, a/con, ABS, 9,000 miles **£6,995**

C-Max

07/57 C-Max 1.8 Zetec, 5 speed, finished in panther black, air conditioning, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, climate pack, 7,000 miles **£8,995**

08/57 C-Max 1.8 Zetec 2.0 Automatic, ocean blue, air con, ABS, alloy wheels, privacy glass, 15,000 miles **£8,495**

Estate Cars

08/08 Mondeo Titanium X 2.0 TDCi Estate (New Shape), 6 speed, finished in thunder, air conditioning, ABS brakes, alloy wheels, 12,000 miles **£14,995**

07/57 Focus 1.6 Ghia Automatic Estate, finished in sea grey, full Ghia spec, air conditioning, ABS brakes, full electric pack including cruise control, alloy wheels, only 18,000 miles **£7,995**

07/07 Focus 1.8 Zetec Estate, 5 speed, finished in ocean blue, air conditioning, ABS brakes, full climate pack, alloy wheels, only 7,000 miles **£7,995**

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10/59 S-Max Titanium 2.0 TDCi Automatic 7 Seat, silver, full spec, a/con, ABS, privacy glass, parking sensors, alloy wheels, 8,000 miles **£17,995**

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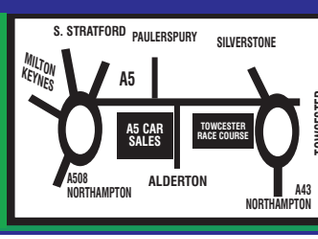

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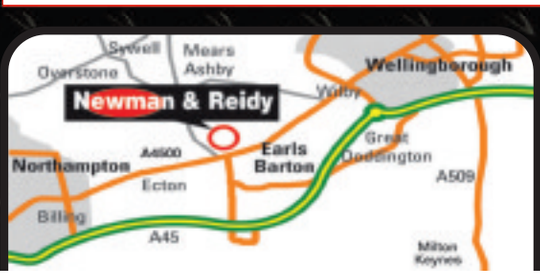

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2006 (06) MERCEDES C200 CDi Avant Garde Auto, met black, full grey leather, electric windows, mirrors, PAS, ABS, a/bags, m/f/s wheel, cruise control, radio/CD, alloys, 1 owner, f/m/b/s/h, only 40,000 miles **£10,995**

2007 (57) JAGUAR 'X' Type 2.0 D SE, met blue, full beige leather trim, electric windows, mirrors, heated seats, blue tooth, sat nav, M/S/F wheel, PAS, ABS, alloys, a/bags, climate control, a/con, cruise control, FSH, 75,000 miles (45 MPG) **£7,995**

2001 (51) BMW 320i SE, 4dr, met silver, cloth trim, electric windows, mirrors, PAS, ABS, a/bags, alloys, m/f/s wheels, climate control air con, FSH, only 78,000 miles, very clean **£3,995**

2000 (W) MERCEDES E240 Avantagrade Auto Saloon, met silver, full grey leather trim, electric seats, windows, mirrors, sunblind, steering column, PAS, ABS, AMG alloys, radio/cast + CD, climate control, a/con, crusie control, 2 owner, FSH, 52,000 miles ..... **SOLD**

2002 (02) VW PASSAT 1.9 TDi, MoT blue, tan cloth trim, electric windows, mirrors, PAS, ABS, a/bags, alloys, radio/CD, climate control, a/con, FSH, 108,000 miles **£3,495**

SPORT

2002 (02) PORSCHE 996 CAB 3.6 Manual, met grey, full black leather sport seats, electric windows, mirrors, roof, 6 speed manual, radio/CD, 18" correra alloys, hard top, FSH, only 38,000 miles, very clean car **£22,995**

2004 (54) AUDI A3 2.0 TDi Sport, met black, full leather sport seats, climate control, air con, electric windows mirrors, airbags, PAS, ABS, alloys, cruise control, FSH, 60,000 miles, very clean **£8,995**

2003 (03) AUDI TT 1.8 (150bhp), cab, met silver, sport seats, climate control, air-con, electric windows, mirrors, roof, PAS, ABS, trac-control, alloys, FSH, only 48,000 miles ..... **SOLD**

2003 (53) BMW 330i Sport Auto Saloon, met blue, full black leather trim, electric pack cruise control, climate control, air con, 18" MV alloys, sport seats, M/F/S wheel, PAS, ABS, a/bags, FSH, 83,000 miles **£5,995**

2003 (03) AUDI A3 TDi Sport 130 BHP 3dr, met blue, 1/2 leather sport seats, PAS, ABS, alloys, climate control, a/con, radio/CD, FSH, only 60,000 miles **£5,495**

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JAGUAR

2006 JAGUAR S-TYPRE 3.0 V6 SE 4 door Automatic Saloon, 06 reg, just 26,795 miles with full service history, tungsten blue metallic with beige leather upholstery, air conditioning, parking sensors, ABS, alloy wheels, cruise control, folding rear seats, immobiliser, multi air bags, radio/CD, traction control, electric mirrors, alarm, electrically adjustable front seats ..... **Now £9,995**

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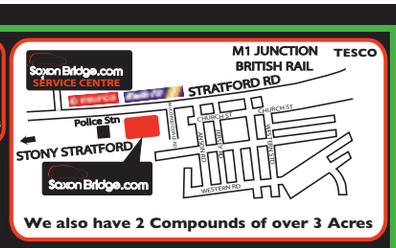

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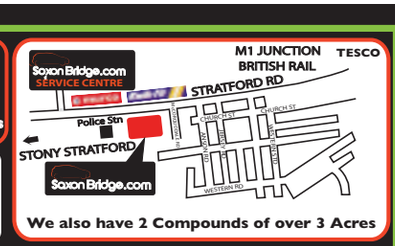

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NORTHAMPTON ROAD, ROADE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Northampton Road, Roade as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Northampton Road, Roade from junction with London Road to junction with High Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway surface dressing works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 16th May 2011 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day off peak only.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading north use High Street and London Road. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Dated this 12th day of May 2011

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (VARIOUS AREAS) (GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROL) ORDER 2001) (AMENDMENT NO. 5) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to amend the "Northampton Borough Council (Various Areas) (General Traffic Control) Order 2001" as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order, together with a plan showing the exact lengths of road to which it relates may be inspected at Northamptonshire Central Library, Abington Street, Northampton during its normal opening hours or at the offices of The Traffic Order Section, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN1 5NX during the hours of 9 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 4 pm on Monday to Friday inclusive.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

This Order will become effective on the 13th May 2011.

Dated this 12th day of May 2011

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SCHEDULE

Insert into Schedule 1 (prohibition of waiting):-

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Alcombe Road	north-west	from a point 5 metres north-east of the west side of its junction with Alcombe Terrace for a distance of 17 metres in a south-westerly direction
Burns Street	north	from its junction with Hunter Street for a distance of 5 metres in an easterly direction
Burns Street	north	from its junction with Shakespeare Road for a distance of 5 metres in a westerly direction
Cloutsham Street	south-east	from a point 50 metres north-east of its junction with Overstone Road for distance of 3 metres north-eastwards
Cowper Street	both	from its junction with Shakespeare Road for a distance of 5 metres in an easterly direction
Gray Street	south	from its junction with Shakespeare Road for a distance of 20 metres in a westerly direction
Hervey Street	north	from a point 20 metres east of its junction with Hunter Street for a distance of 11 metres in an easterly direction
Hervey Street	north	from a point 75 metres east of its junction with Hunter Street for a distance of 6 metres in an easterly direction
Hervey Street	south	from its junction with Carey Street for a distance of 19 metres in an a westerly direction
Hood Street	south	from its junction with Shakespeare Road for a distance of 6 metres in an easterly direction
Hunter Street	west	from a point 101 metres north of its junction with Clare Street for a distance of 33 metres in a northerly direction
Shakespeare Road	west	from a point 5 metres south of its junction with Gray Street for a distance of 27 metres in a northerly direction
Shakespeare Road	east	from a point 10 metres south of its junction with Burns Street for a distance of 26 metres in a northerly direction

Delete from Schedule 1 (prohibition of waiting):-

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Burns Street	north	from a point 63 metres east of its junction with Hunter Street for a distance of 4 metres in an easterly direction
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Cowper Street	south	from its junction with Shakespeare Road for a distance of 19 metres in an easterly direction
Cowper Street	north	from its junction with Shakespeare Road for a distance of 33 metres in an easterly direction
Gray Street	north	from a point 42 metres east of its junction with Hunter Street for a distance of 14 metres in an easterly direction
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Hervey Street	north	from a point 75 metres east of its junction with Hunter Street for a distance of 16 metres in an easterly direction
Hervey Street	south	from its junction with Carey Street for a distance of 23 metres in a westerly direction
Hood Street	south	from its junction with Shakespeare Road for a distance of 21 metres in an easterly direction
Hunter Street	west	from a point 101 metres north of its junction with Clare Street for a distance of 39 metres in a northerly direction
Shakespeare Road	west	from a point 10 metres south of its junction with Gray Street for a distance of 32 metres in a northerly direction
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This Order will become effective on the 13th May 2011.

Dated this 12th day of May 2011

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services PKG/1056

SCHEDULE

Insert into Schedule 1 (prohibition of waiting):-

St Georges Street – north side –	from a point in line with the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 5 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – north side –	from a point 28 metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 16 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – north side –	from a point 59 metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 5 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – south side –	from a point in line with the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 9 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – south side –	from a point 78 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 12 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – south side –	from a point 122 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 17 metres in a westerly direction

Insert into Article 2 under the definition "permitted hours" (after the list of new Schedule numbers) the words:- "or Schedule 65"

Insert into Article 8 (after this list of Schedule numbers) the words:- "and Schedule 65"

Insert into new Schedule 65 as follows:-

Schedule 65 (Waiting limited to 2 hours, 8.00 am – 1.00 pm, Monday – Saturday)

St Georges Street – north side –	from a point 5 metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 23 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – north side –	from a point 44 metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 15 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – north side –	from a point 64metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 32 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – north side –	from a point 138 metres west of the western boundary of No. 3 St Georges Street for a distance of 85 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – south side –	from a point 9 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 31 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – south side –	from a point 46 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 32 metres in a westerly direction
St Georges Street – south side –	from a point 90 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 13 St Georges Street for a distance of 32 metres in a westerly direction

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

N/2011/0342 **Land adjacent to April Cottage, 2 Cherry Tree Lane** – Erection of 1no. 3 bed detached dwelling. Within Great Houghton Conservation Area

N/2011/0352 **13 Leicester Parade** – Restoration of front of property incorporating alterations to windows and doors. Within Barrack Road Conservation Area

N/2011/0361/0362 **32A High Street, Great Houghton** – Erection of garden room/conservatory. Grade II listed building within Great Houghton Conservation Area.

N/2011/0384 **5 Regent Square** – Conversion into 4no. self-contained flats. Within Holly Sepulchre Conservation Area.

N/2011/0385 **5 Regent Square** – New Shop Front. Within Holly Sepulchre Conservation Area.

N/2011/0387 **Wyevale Garden Centre, Newport Pagnell Road** – New entrance foyer extension to side, front extension to close existing entrance, erection of bedding canopy/walkway to side/rear, demolition and replacement of rear canopy, erection of cold store, replacement aquatics building and restaurant extension.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the applications, plans and any other documentation submitted at One Stop Shop, Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton during all reasonable office hours. Plans can also be viewed on-line at www.northampton.gov.uk, click on 'planning' and then 'planning search facility'. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, or email planning@northampton.gov.uk by 2nd June 2011.

Susan Bridge, Head of Planning
Northampton Borough Council

Public Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, NORTHAMPTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of the various roads in Northampton as specified in the Schedule below.
REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during surface dressing works.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 16th May 2011 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.
EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for one day off peak only. Only one road to be closed at any one time.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: specified in the Schedule below.
Dated this 12th day of May 2011

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/T11/077

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604 364359.

SCHEDULE

Road to be Closed	**Bants Lane, Duston, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Harlestone Road to junction with Main Road
Diversion Route	For traffic heading east use Tollgate Way, Weedon Road, Spencer Bridge Road and Harlestone Road. Vice versa for traffic heading west.
Road to be Closed	**Tollgate Way, Duston, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Main Road to junction with Weedon Road
Diversion Route	For traffic heading east use Weedon Road, Spencer Bridge Road, Harlestone Road and Bants Lane. Vice versa for traffic heading west.
Road to be Closed	**Wrenbury Road, Duston, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Weggs Farm Road to junction with Ryeland Road
Diversion Route	For traffic heading east use Weggs Farm Road, Sandy lane, Port Road, Main Road and Ryeland Road. Vice versa for traffic heading west
Road to be Closed	**Fishponds Road, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Little Billing Way to junction with Great Billing Way
Diversion Route	For traffic heading east use Little Billing Way, Wellingborough Road and Great Billing Way. Vice versa for traffic heading west
Road to be Closed	**St Michaels Road, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Lower Mounts to junction with Kettering Road
Diversion Route	Use Lower Mounts, Abington Square and Kettering Road.
Road to be Closed	**Victoria Promenade, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Bridge Street to junction with Bedford Road
Diversion Route	For traffic heading east use Cattle Market Road, London Road, A45 and Bedford Road. Vice versa for traffic heading west.
Road to be Closed	**Fairway, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Kenmuir Avenue to Kingsley Road roundabout
Diversion Route	For traffic heading east use Kingsley Road, Kettering Road and Kenmuir Avenue.
Road to be Closed	**Billing Brook Road, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Lumbertubs Way to junction with Wellingborough Road.
Diversion Route	For traffic heading south use A43 and Wellingborough Road. Vice versa for traffic heading north.
Road to be Closed	**Hunsbarrow Road, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Danes Camp Way roundabout to junction with Rothersthorpe Road roundabout.
Diversion Route	For traffic heading east use Danes Camp Way and Rothersthorpe Road. Vice versa for traffic heading west.
Road to be Closed	**Denmark Road, Northampton**
Termination Points	Junction with Billing Road to junction with St Edmunds Road
Diversion Route	Use St Edmunds Road, York Road and Billing Road

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SPINNEY DRIVE & ASH LANE, COLLINGTREE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Spinney Drive and Ash Lane, Collingtree as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during surface dressing works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 16th May 2011 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for one day off peak only. One road to be closed at a time.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: The alternative routes are as follows:-

Spinney Drive – use Lodge Avenue.

Ash Lane – for traffic heading east use Collingtree Road, Barn Lane, Rectory Lane, Towcester Road, Rowtree Road and A45. The route is vice versa for traffic heading west.

Dated this 12th day of May 2011

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/T11/076

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-364359.

SCHEDULE
(Lengths of roads to be closed)

Spinney Drive – from junction with Lodge Avenue.
Ash Lane – from the junction with High Street to the M1 bridge.

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Michael Wreford and Sidney Wreford trading as Woodview Light Transport of Silvanus Park, Edgar Mobbs Way, Sixfields, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 5JR are applying to add an operating centre to keep 14 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at Ransome Road, Far Cotton, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN4 8AD.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (VARIOUS AREAS)
(GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROL) (RESIDENTS PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2001)
(AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2011

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This Order will become effective on the 13th May 2011.

Dated this 12th day of May 2011

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of Legal Services
PKG/1061

SCHEDULE

Amend parking place numbers 1, 1a, 2, 6, 7, 18, 27 and 50 in Schedule 3 – "Zone D" to read :-

1	Alcombe Road northwest side from a point 4.5 metres southwest of the west side of its junction with Alcombe Terrace for a distance of 14 metres northeastwards	Nearside to kerb	Passenger vehicles, light goods vehicles and motorcycles	No limit
1a	Alcombe Road northwest side from a point 34 metres southwest of its junction with Grove Road for a distance of 54 metres southwestwards	Nearside to kerb	Passenger vehicles, light goods vehicles and motorcycles	Permit holders only
2	Alcombe Road northwest side from a point 47 metres northeast of the produced line of the east side of Alcombe Terrace, southwestwards to a point 1 metre northeast of the produced line of the east side of Alcombe Terrace	Nearside to kerb	Passenger vehicles, light goods vehicles and motorcycles	Permit holders only
6	Alcombe Road southeast side from a point 4 metres northeast of its junction with Alcombe Terrace, northeastwards to a point 95 metres southwest of its junction with Grove Road	Nearside to kerb	Passenger vehicles, light goods vehicles and motorcycles	No limit
7	Alcombe Road southeast side from a point 15.5 metres southwest of its junction with Alcombe Terrace southwestwards to a point 32 metres northeast of its junction with Overstone Road	Nearside to kerb	Passenger vehicles, light goods vehicles and motorcycles	No limit
18	Cloutsham Street southeast side from a point 14 metres northeast of its junction with Overstone Road for a distance of 36 metres northeastwards	Nearside to kerb	Passenger vehicles, light goods vehicles and motorcycles	No limit
27	Grove Road northeast side from a point 23 metres northwest of its junction with Kettering Road for a distance of 54 metres northwestwards	Nearside to kerb	Passenger vehicles, light goods vehicles and motorcycles	Permit holders only
50	Somerset Street from a point 99 metres northeast of its junction with Overstone Road northeastwards to a point 56 metres southwest of its junction with Grove Road	Within echelon marked area	Passenger vehicles, light goods vehicles and motorcycles	Permit holders only

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/11

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Sections 14-16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006, 2008, 2009, and 2010):-

1. Any person interested in the audit of the Council's accounts has the opportunity, on application, to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2011 these documents will be available on application to the Director of Finance, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE (Telephone 01604 837167), from Friday 1st July 2011 to Friday 29th July 2011 inclusive, between 9.00 am to 4.30 pm (Monday to Thursday) and 9.00 am to 4.00 pm (Friday).

2. Local Government Electors for the area to which the accounts relate and their representatives also have:

(i) the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts. The auditor will be at the Borough Council Offices, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE, for this purpose, at 10.00 am on Monday 1st August 2011.

(ii) the right to attend before the auditor and make objections to the accounts or any item in them (as referred to in paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) of Section 16 of the Audit Commission Act, 1998). If an objection is to be made, written notice of that objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Council.

3. The audit is being carried out by the appointed auditor the Audit Commission for whom Mr Neil Bellamy is the District Auditor, and will be conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as updated by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006, 2008, 2009, and 2010). Mr Bellamy can be contacted at: Audit Commission, Rivermead House, 7 Lewis Court, Grove Park, Enderby, Leicestershire.

4. The Statement of Accounts for Northampton Borough Council will also be available to view on the Internet during the period of display. The web address is www.northampton.gov.uk

I. PROCTER
Director of Finance and Support
Northampton Borough Council

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DAVENTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL)
(WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS)
CONSOLIDATION ORDER (2007 No. 1576)
(AMENDMENT No. 3) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 1 to 5 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit waiting in King Street, Long Buckby as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order, together with a plan showing the exact lengths of road to which it relates may be inspected at Long Buckby Library, Station Road, Long Buckby during its normal opening hours or at the offices of The Traffic Order Section, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN1 5NX during the hours of 9 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 4 pm on Monday to Friday inclusive.

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This Order will become effective on the 13th May 2011.

Dated this 12th day of May 2011
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

KG/1010

SCHEDULE

King Street – south/west side – entire length.
King Street – north/east side – from its junction with Church Street to the south-east side of property no.22.

Licensing Act 2003

Application for a Variation of Club Premises Certificate (Section 84)

Notice is hereby given that Overstone Park Cricket Club has applied to the Borough Council of Wellingborough for a Variation to the Club Premises Certificate in respect of Overstone Park Cricket Club, Overstone Road, Sywell, Northampton NN6 0AW.

It is proposed to extend the opening hours of the premises and licensing activities from 11.00 to 23.00 from Monday to Saturday and 12.00 to 22.30 on Sunday to 11.00 to 02.00 from Monday to Sunday. The licensable activities include the performance of live music and recorded music, the provision of facilities for making music and the supply of alcohol. It is not intended to change the times that films can be shown.

The Licensing Register may be inspected at the offices of the Borough Council of Wellingborough, Tithe Barn Road, Wellingborough NN8 1BL during office hours. These are 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Wednesday, 9.30am to 5.00pm on Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Friday. Any representation by a responsible authority or interested party must be made in writing to the above address by 7 June 2011.

It is an offence knowingly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable by a summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.

Alan Fitz — Date: 11 May 2011
Hon. Secretary
Overstone Park Cricket Club

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
- SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WILLOW LANE, GREAT HOUGHTON)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Willow Lane, Great Houghton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Willow Lane, Great Houghton from junction with Willow Crescent to opposite 24/35 Willow Lane.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety while undertaking repairs to the bridge structure.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 16th May 2011 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 10th June 2011.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: For traffic heading north use Willow Crescent, High Street and Little Lane. The route is vice versa for traffic heading south.

Dated this 12th day of May 2011
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/T11/074

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WOOD AND SAINTS BOSS AWARDED

NORTHAMPTON back row forward Tom Wood was named player of the season at the Aviva Premiership Rugby Awards on Tuesday night while the director of rugby of the season gong was presented to Saints boss Jim Mallinder.

Coventry born forward Wood only joined Northampton this season after having come through the successful Worcester Warriors Academy, making 48 Premiership Rugby appearances with Worcester before his summer move to Franklin's Gardens.

The 24-year-old Wood made his competitive debut for Saints in their win over local rivals Leicester Tigers on the opening day of the Aviva Premiership season and will face the champions again this Saturday in the Premiership play-off semi-final at Welford Road.

He has also established himself as an England international – all of which saw him pen a new two-year contract before the awards bash, despite still having a year left on his initial deal.

Mallinder has guided his Saints to within a chance of claiming a domestic and European double, with the Heineken Cup Final against Leinster following this weekend's trip to Leicester.

Mallinder has also coached a group of talented young English players and enabled them to both play for and achieve success with their country. Chris Ashton, Ben Foden, Dylan Hartley and Courtney Lawes are an integral part of Martin Johnson's squad, with Wood joining that group just this year.

PERFECT NIGHT FOR FAR COTTON KIDS

IT was four wins out of four for Far Cotton Boys ABC on Friday evening in Milton Keynes, with all of them coming by way of unanimous decisions.

Josh Holgate, Kyle Owen, Morgan Bosley and Ben Fail were all in action for the club, and all the quartet tasted victory at the Woughton Leisure Centre.

Owen maintained his perfect record, extending it to seven wins from seven contests by taking the win against Joe Birch of Birmingham's Studio ABC at 64kg.

Far Cotton head coach John Daly said: "They won by unanimous decision, but they were all in hard, well-matched fights. Ben Fail was toe-to-toe with Paul Rourke and I thought it would be closer.

"I had been waiting for this show for four weeks. These lads are always up the gym training hard."

Mallinder: Tigers are strong but so are we

BY MARC BAZELEY
marc.bazeley@hpnorthants.co.uk

IT is a case of 'once more unto the breach' for Northampton Saints in the Aviva Premiership semi-finals on Saturday. Waiting for them at Welford Road are old rivals Leicester Tigers, with a place in the Twickenham final the prize for the victors.

East Midlands derbys are fiercely contested battles whatever the occasion, but now there is the added incentive of reaching the showpiece match of the English rugby season, where the Aviva Premiership kings will be crowned.

That is not a title that defending champions Leicester want to relinquish, particularly as they are bidding for a third final triumph in a row – something only London Wasps have achieved since the play-offs were controversially introduced ten seasons ago.

History is on their side this weekend as well. The last seven clashes between the Saints and the Tigers have all been won by the home side, while the only two previous semi-final meetings between them – the Pilkington Cup in 1993 and the Zurich Championship in 2001 – went Leicester's way.

Saracens or Gloucester await the victors on Saturday, May 28, and Northampton director of rugby Jim Mallinder is not fazed by the prospect of having to face the defending champions on their own turf.

"We said all week and we mean it – we don't really care who we get, it was all about qualifying," he said after his side survived an almighty scare to beat relegation-threatened Leeds Carnegie 31-24 in the final home game of the season.

"Leicester are a quality side, they are champions, they are very strong at home, but on our day we're not a bad side.

"We'll be confident. We understand Leicester and understand the strength of them playing at Welford Road, but we've got a good side.

"We've played well in big games this year and there's no reason why we can't do that again."

At one point, it looked like they may not be going to Welford Road at all. Leeds had roared into a 24-3 lead after 20 minutes – a result which had it stayed the same would have seen Bath make it to the play-offs at Northampton's expense.

No doubt with an eye on a potential trip to Leicester or Vicarage Road, and the Heineken Cup final, Mallinder opted to make seven changes to the side that defeated Perpignan in European competition the previous Sunday.

FAREWELL: Paul Diggin and Bruce Reihana (left) after his final run out at Franklin's Gardens before he moves to France in the summer

Within nine minutes they were 14 points down. Powerful flankers Hendre Fourie and Rhys Oakley both barrelled their way through the defence to score, with Adrian Jarvis converting both.

Shane Geraghty's penalty got the Saints on the board, but Jarvis responded with one of his own before Pete Wackett raced away to add a third converted try for the Yorkshiremen as Mallinder and sidekick Dorian West looked on stony-faced.

Both sides were then temporarily reduced in number when opposing wingers Paul Diggin and Lee Blackett were sin-binned after the unedifying spectacle of them wrestling on the ground like two eight-year-olds fighting over an ice cream cone.

That seemed to affect the visitors more and they found themselves undone on 29 minutes when Phil Dowson, who was forced off at half time due to illness, crashed over after being put in by Joe Ansbro.

One area that was functioning well for the Saints was again the scrum, and their pressure at the set piece led first to Juan Gomez being yellow carded just as Blackett returned, before Leeds conceded a penalty try with two minutes of the first half to go.

Chris Ashton's converted try seven minutes into the second half pulled Northampton to within two points of the Premiership's bottom side. It was left to three penalties from Stephen Myler, on in the second half

White taking leaf from Sir Viv's Master Blaster book of big hitting

COUNTY CRICKET

ASK Rob White who his cricketing hero is and the answer that comes back is Sir Vivian Richards. Given White's reputation as an aggressive, attacking stroke player it is perhaps unsurprising.

Anyone who has a career strike rate of 121.69 in Twenty20 cricket is a big hitter to be wary of, and in the last week White has once again transferred that into somewhat more sedate surrounds of the LV= County Championship.

Maintaining his good start to the season, the right-hander smashed 52 off of just 42 balls in the first innings at Kent, following that up with 40 from 34 in the second innings as the visitors won by five wickets.

Then on Sunday, in his first limited overs appearance of the season, White blazed 47 from 41 balls as the Steelbacks defeated defending Clydesdale Bank 40 champions Warwickshire Bears by 18 runs at the County Ground.

"I was trying to get myself in the one-day team by playing some shots in the four-day side," he joked at the conclusion of a week that saw Northants remain the only unbeaten county across all forms of cricket this year.

"I've been hitting the ball well – I have been fairly consistent so far this year, which I'm happy about. It would be nice just to get some really big scores to win some games for us. The top order put us in a good position so I could come in with 15 overs to go and play my shots. We had the powerplay to come and I think it went pretty well.

"It was my first one day game this year so it was nice to get in and have a bit of an impact, but it was a great team performance and we played really well against a quality team."

White's contribution, along with 61 from Niall O'Brien and 60 from David Sales, helped the hosts to 238/5 from their 40 overs against the Bears after losing the toss and batting first.

Warwickshire limped to 17/3 in reply before Ian Bell – playing at his own request and captaining the side instead of the injured Jim Troughton – and Mohammad Yousaf put on 158 for the fourth wicket.

England international Bell made 88 before being run out by Stephen Peters, and even when Yousaf went for 72 the visitors still looked favourites, needing just 48 from the last six overs.

Instead they collapsed to 220 all out. Some thoughtless shots, coupled with tight bowling and excellent work in the field from the Steelbacks, ensured the win that put them joint top of Group B with Surrey Lions.

It was a thrilling conclusion for the spectators, but not so much for the players as White revealed afterwards. "I'm trying to tot up how many they need an over and you're just hoping that they don't hit a massive bomb straight up to you," he said.

"You're just nervous every ball, you're looking for dot balls and you don't want boundaries – it's a real rollercoaster.

"But to come back from there shows the winning mentality that we have built up over this season and it was a fantastic win."

Northants began their latest County Championship Division Two game yesterday away to Gloucestershire at Bristol. A win would more than likely see them go above early leaders Middlesex, who are not in action.

White puts their fine start down to the strength of the squad assembled by head coach David Capel.

He said: "I just think we've got some very good cricketers in the club at the moment playing good cricket.

"Chaminda Vaas has made a big difference coming over and playing every game because he is a class act.

"We've got some young players who are maturing and starting to play good cricket, and it is all coming together which makes a strong team.

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along with the other rested big guns, to secure that semi-final spot.

Mallinder confessed: "We were worried and disappointed with that performance in the first 20 minutes – it was terrible. Defensively we were slack and couldn't keep hold of the ball.

"We talked about having a hangover from the semi-final and that Leeds would be coming here and fighting for their lives.

"It shows we've got that belief, but we had a serious word in the changing room and Dylan Hartley was quite emotional in terms of that performance.

"It wasn't acceptable and we should have performed better in front of our home fans, and we should have been giving those four lads making their last home appearance a better farewell than we did."

It was the end of an era at the Gardens with chairman Keith Barwell attending his final home game before handing over control of the club to son Leon at the conclusion of the season.

And then there are the four players moving on to pastures new this summer – Ansbro to London Irish, Mark Easter to Sale Sharks, Bruce Reihana to Union Bordeaux Begles and Geraghty to, well, who knows where?

Although the Saints have been recruiting for next season, Mallinder is looking for other squad members to step up and hopes that those that featured alongside the internationals on Saturday will have learnt from it.

He said: "The reason we started with that team is that there was tremendous experience with those other lads.

"We know that we haven't got the strongest squad and these other players will only learn through playing and experience.

"Unfortunately we haven't got enough money for two international starting teams, so what you have got to do is get these players better.

"The only way you get better is by playing and experiencing games like that."

Johnson axes nine Cobblers

THAT WAY FOR THE EXIT: Gary Johnson has had a clearout of Northampton players

FOOTBALL

THE rebuilding job at Sixfields has started in earnest for Gary Johnson. With one fell swoop of the axe he ditched nine of the squad that finished 16th in League Two as he looks to build a side capable of winning promotion next season.

Paul Rodgers, Marcus Hall, Abdul Osman, Courtney Herbert, Leon McKenzie, Alex Konstantinou, Seb Harris and Francis Laurent have all been shown the door. Ryan Gilligan has also been transfer listed with a year still left to run on his contract.

Dean Beckwith, whose position with the club was under consideration, has since been released as well. The others were all notified before Saturday's 2-1 win at Morecambe in the final game of the season, and Johnson has already identified and planned talks with potential new signings.

"I know the players that I want to bring in," he said after confirming the retained list on Monday. "I've got two or three hot targets, two or three who have already agreed to come in and speak to me, so I need to leave some space for those new faces.

"We need new faces, we couldn't go into next season with the same group because there was a time when we were struggling at third from bottom.

"Obviously, as a group we needed to change it and I've left enough space so it will look new when we start next season.

"It's a good thing that there's some you have to wait for because it means there is interest from other places, but there are others that I have been talking to for two or three weeks now and I've made them commit themselves to me so long as we stay in the division.

"Now I'm pulling in that chat I've had with them and I'm saying, 'Here we are, come in and sign early.'

"Then if I can get four or five signed on before the end of May I haven't got to panic so much when I come back off holiday."

Spanish striker Guillem Bauza has also been given until Friday to decide whether or not to sign a new contract. He was one five players offered a new deal along with Paul Walker, Billy McKay, youth teamer Greg Kaziboni and mercurial midfield maestro Kevin Thornton.

Walker and McKay have already agreed to sign on again, while Thornton's contract is dependant on him proving his fitness during the first month of pre-season training.

Striker Michael Uwezu, who joined on a short term deal back in March, will also have the chance to win a new contract after being invited back for pre-season.

Johnson admits that his decision to release certain players, particularly McKenzie who became a fans' favourite during his stint at Sixfields, may not be popular but he has made them for the benefit of the team.

He said: "Everybody has their favourites, but it's my job to get a league or promotion winning team.

"If you're moving people on then for whatever reason you feel they're not going to be part of that, you can bring in someone who can do a better job. Only time will tell, but there are obviously other things as well that the supporters don't know about.

"In Leon's case, everyone knows about his injuries and we can't guarantee that he is going to play enough games.

"If he's doing well, you want him to be in the team every week rather than bringing him out and putting him in.

"He knows that as well and it's difficult for somebody who is not going to play 40-odd games.

"There are lots of different reasons but mainly I need to move on from some of them and bring in other players."

All of the loan signings that were with the Cobblers have returned to their parent clubs, but he is keen to bring back Nana, Byron Webster and Ben Tozer for next season. Steve Collis is also out of contract at Peterborough United.

Christmas comeback is target for Tadhg

FOOTBALL

TADHG Purcell has become something of a forgotten man at Northampton Town. The striker, who signed last summer from Darlington, has been out since rupturing his cruciate and lateral knee ligaments in August.

That happened just 20 minutes into his first league start of the season in the 1-1 draw at home to Wycombe Wanderers, and it has been a long road to recovery for Purcell who has only just returned to training with the first team in recent weeks.

The Irishman remains under contract for next season, having signed a two-year deal with the Cobblers, but manager Gary Johnson is not expecting him to return to action for some time as he continues on the long road to recovery.

"Come Christmas time we might think what a great signing he has been because he has had a horrendous injury and it is going to be a long-term rehabilitation," said Johnson.

"I can't see him being around until then, and even then you have got to learn about your body again because it is all different after such a big injury.

"He's a good worker, he works hard and if anyone comes back quickly then he will. The FA are helping us with their medical expertise when we send him away to Lilleshall."

Purcell was signed on the back of an impressive 2009/10 season with Darlington, where he scored nine goals in 22 games as the Quakers were relegated to the Blue Square Bet Premier.

He showed glimpses of his ability before suffering this injury, and Johnson remains optimistic that he will come good when he gets his chance.

The boss said: "I feel sorry for him because he has been working hard but has had nothing at the end of it. He has just started training with us which is why we took him to Morecambe. We wanted to make him feel part of it and he enjoyed that, so hopefully we have got an Alan Shearer there when he does come back."

FORMULA ONE

ADRIAN Sutil was left to rue a lack of race pace as Force India missed out on scoring points in Sunday's Turkish Grand Prix.

It was a tough weekend for the Silverstone-based team. Sutil came home 13th, while team-mate Paul di Resta failed to finish after a mystery problem forced his retirement on lap 44.

German racer Sutil dropped back one place from his qualifying position and felt he did as much as he could despite ultimately missing out on a top ten spot.

"My start to the race was not too bad – I kept my position and had some good battles with the cars around me," he said.

"The three-stop strategy was the right choice and the soft tyres felt like the better race tyre so I stayed on them as much as possible.

"In the final laps I was fighting hard with [Sauber driver] Sergio Perez and that was a lot of fun. Ultimately we didn't have the pace to race with the cars ahead of us and I think we got as much from the race as we could. The team is working hard to introduce a new aero package at the next few races, which will hopefully bring us a bit closer to the front."

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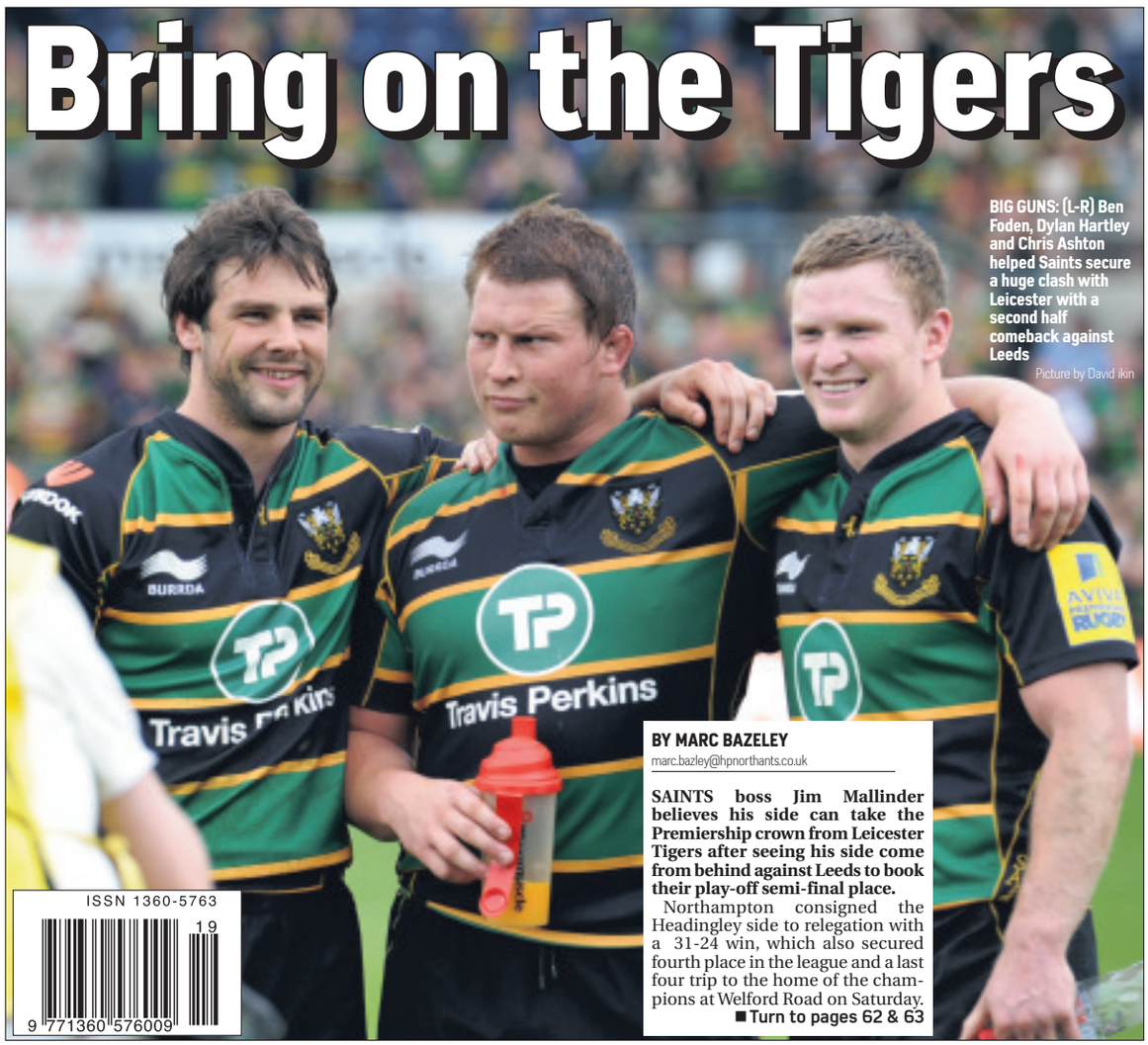

BIG GUNS: (L-R) Ben Foden, Dylan Hartley and Chris Ashton helped Saints secure a huge clash with Leicester with a second half comeback against Leeds

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SAINTS boss Jim Mallinder believes his side can take the Premiership crown from Leicester Tigers after seeing his side come from behind against Leeds to book their play-off semi-final place.

Northampton consigned the Headingley side to relegation with a 31-24 win, which also secured fourth place in the league and a last four trip to the home of the champions at Welford Road on Saturday.

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Beckwith shown exit door to 'create spaces for a few new faces'

FOOTBALL

DEAN Beckwith has been released by Northampton Town just two days after it was announced that his future at the club was under consideration by manager Gary Johnson.

Beckwith was one of three players, along with Chris Dunn and Liam Davis, whose future at Sixfields was left in the balance when Johnson announced the retained list for next season on Monday.

But the decision has now been taken to release the central defender, who Johnson wanted to move closer to the area from his home in Gillingham.

"It's really me saying, 'How much do you want to be here?' If they can convince me that they really want to be here then I will look at it," he explained on Monday. "In Liam and Chris' case, both of their representatives are saying there are other options so I'm saying to them to make sure there are other options because otherwise you could miss out on this one.

"With Deano, it's a little bit different because he lives away from this area. That was his choice, but I don't want him travelling up from Gillingham every day because I think it affects him with his hamstrings and other things.

"He is always stretching after spending four hours a day in a car, so we were talking about whether he could've moved up here."

Beckwith was originally signed by former Cobblers boss Stuart Gray in June 2009 and went on to make 84 appearances in all competitions for the club over two seasons. He remained a regular under both Ian Sampson and Johnson, but will now be plying his trade elsewhere.

"I just felt we needed to create space for a few more new faces," said Johnson. "Dean did well for us and never let us down. I am sure he will be able to find a new club and we wish him well for the future. From our point of view, and on reflection, I just felt we would benefit from having one or two more new faces in to help us move on and move forward and that is the decision I have made."

That leaves goalkeeper Dunn and winger Davis as the only two players whose future is still undecided. They have until Friday to make their intentions for next season known.

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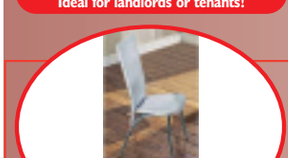

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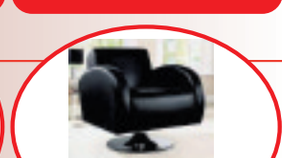

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